

HONORING STEPHEN DEAN  
NOLTING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Stephen Dean Nolting. Stephen is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Stephen has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Stephen has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Stephen has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen Dean Nolting for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 5, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 95. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 95: "Yes"—Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building.

HONORING JEFFREY JOSEPH  
DUER, JUNIOR

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey Joseph Duer, Junior. Jeffrey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jeffrey has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey Joseph Duer, Junior for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE 76TH ANNUAL  
WESTERN NEW YORK SAFETY  
CONFERENCE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 76th annual Western New York Safety Conference, which will be held in my Western New York community March 12th–March 15th, 2012.

What began as a small group of safety-minded individuals in 1935, has evolved into a conference attended by over 500 delegates each year, and the largest gathering of safety-oriented and interested people on the East Coast.

The Western New York Safety Conference is recognized by both employers and employees alike as an outstanding organization. This annual exchange of safety, health and environmental information has contributed greatly to the advancement of safety for the worker, and the general public. I applaud their dedication to the conservation of human life and the safety and health of the individual through the prevention of accidents and occupational diseases.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate those who have led the effort to host this important conference, and am sure that they will continue to service the Western New York community to reduce injuries and illness.

SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE  
REPORT TO H.R. 3630

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Conference Report to H.R. 3630, Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. The bill extends unemployment for those currently out of work through 2013. It continues the payroll tax break for the middle class through 2013. It prevents the scheduled cuts in Medicare reimbursement to doctors. It extends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It protects current federal public servants by protecting their pensions and by dropping language that would have perpetuated an unjust and unnecessary payroll freeze. As a Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I offered an amendment in Committee last week to protect the pensions of future federal public servants as well.

However, while providing needed relief, this bill is very flawed. It reduces benefits for new federal public servants, cuts assistance to hospitals and cuts long term unemployment benefits. It is wrong to limit any crucial safety net.

Still, extending the payroll tax means that middle class families in Ohio will have about \$1000 more in their pockets at a time when speculation has pushed gas and basic food prices up. The needs of my district are urgent and immediate. This legislation will deliver relief. I stand with the workers and those trying to find work and I pledge to continue to fight

for the middle class. When Congress returns we must ensure that our communities are protected and that hospitals and workers are taken care of. I will work with my colleagues to remedy the shortcomings of this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 2012 NOMINEES  
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR/  
AGNES MEYER OUTSTANDING  
TEACHER AWARD

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the Prince William County Teacher of the Year/Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award.

The Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award program was established by "The Washington Post" to "recognize excellence in teaching, to encourage creative and quality instruction, and to contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area."

The annual recipients are comprised of one representative from each of the 19 metropolitan public school systems and a single representative from the area private schools. The winner selected from the Prince William Public School Division is also named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, and demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and have the ability to share it effectively with students.

I extend my personal congratulations to the 2012 Prince William County nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award:

Mrs. Anita Al-Haj—Osborn Park High School; Ms. LaTicia Anderson—Coles Elementary School; Mrs. Jenny Bates—Henderson Elementary School; Ms. Spring Byard—New Directions Alternative Education Center; Lt. Col. Ronald Cartee—Battlefield High School; Ms. Sharon Christner—Hylton High School; Mrs. Jessica English—Hylton High School; Mr. Aaron Finney—Victory Elementary School; Mrs. Kelly Haynes—Ashland Elementary School; Mr. Philip Keirstead—Marsteller Middle School

Ms. Hess Moore—Beville Middle School; Ms. Rebecca Patonetz—McAuliffe Elementary School; Mrs. Ingrid Perry—Gar-Field High School; Mrs. Ramona Richardson—Coles Elementary School; Mr. Richard Scavongelli—Brentsville District High School; Ms. Lydia Stewart—Osborn Park High School; Mrs. Patricia Swanson—Ashland Elementary School; Ms. Kendra Yount—Battlefield High School; Mrs. Ruthann Zalewski—Loch Lomond Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Prince William County Teacher of the Year/Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County students are provided with a world class education in a more vibrant learning community.